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**Present Application:**

Applicant : Craig M. Carpenter                      Attorney Docket No. : 500571.03  
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Title : MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLY PLANARIZING MACHINES AND  
METHODS OF MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF  
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Hadi Shakeri  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.